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FOLLOWING TELEGRAM RECEIVED FROM AMCONSUL DANANG JULY 18TH, 1973  
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### 1. SECURITY SITUATION:

MILITARY ACTIVITY WAS LIGHT AND OCCURRED MOSTLY IN QUANG NAM AND  
QUANG NGAI PROVINCES SOUTH OF THE HAI VAN PASS. FOLLOWING ARE THE  
STATISTICS FOR THE TWO-DAY REPORTING PERIOD BROKEN OUT ACCORDING  
TO THE DAY THEY WERE BRIEFED AT I CORPS HEADQUARTERS.

JULY 17: NINE CEASEFIRE VIOLATIONS WERE REPORTED, INCLUDING SIX  
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ATTACKS BY FIRE (ABF) AND THREE HARASSMENTS. CASUALTIES WERE:

FRIENDLY 4 KIA, 30 WIA; ENEMY 4 KIA. GVN ARTILLERY FIRED ONLY IN QUANG NGAI PROVINCE.

JULY 18: SIX CEASEFIRE VIOLATIONS WERE REPORTED, INCLUDING FOUR GROUND ATTACKS AND TWO ABF. CASUALTIES WERE: 3 KIA, 18 WIA; ENEMY 11 KIA. GVN ARTILLERY FIRED ONLY IN QUANG NAM AND QUANG NGAI.

2. ICCS AND TPJMC:

A. ICCS GIO LINH AND LAO BAO PORT OF ENTRY (POE) TEAMS MET WITH PRG REPRESENTATIVES ON JULY 16 AND SCHEDULED A FURTHER MEETING FOR JULY 25. THE PRG HAS NOW AGREED TO RESUPPLY MISSIONS TWICE A WEEK AND ADDITIONAL MISSIONS ON 24-HOUR NOTICE. POLOFF HUE REPORTS THE INDODEL IS THEREFORE NOW READY TO DEPLOY CONDITIONALLY AND NEGOTIATE THE REMAINING ISSUES OF COMMUNICATIONS AND FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT AFTER DEPLOYMENT. POLDEL AND HUNGDEL HAVE BEEN READY FOR SOME TIME AND THE INDODEL MEMBERS HAVE TOLD POLOFF THAT CONSEQUENTLY THERE WILL PROBABLY BE A POE TEAM IN GIO LINH SHORTLY AFTER THE DEPARTURE OF CANDEL, WHICH HAS OPPOSED DEPLOYMENT UNTIL ALL ISSUES ARE RESOLVED. DEPLOYMENT TO LAO BAO DEPENDS ON WHETHER NATIONAL ROUTE 9 WILL BE PASSABLE DURING THE RAINY SEASON.

B. THE GVN TPJMC ELEMENT AT PHU BAI HAS REQUESTED THAT THE ICCS SUPERVISE THE DESTRUCTION OF 185 TONS OF DAMAGED WAR MATERIALS AT THE PHU BAI AMMUNITION DUMP.

3. COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES:

POLOFF HUE REPORTS THAT THREE ARVN POWS WHO ESCAPED ENEMY CONTROL ON JULY 12 HAVE SUPPLIED FURTHER DETAILS ON COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES NORTH OF THE THACH HAN. THEY SAID THE VC "BA LONG" BATTALION OF ABOUT 100 MEN AND 100 WOMEN IS FARMING AT DIEN NGAO HAMLET (YD249 611). A NEW VC BATTALION, ORGANIZED IN MAY 1973 WITH ABOUT 200 PERSONNEL, IS FARMING IN LAP THACH HAMLET (YD265618). BOTH HAMLETS ARE IN NORTHERN TRIEU PHONG DISTRICT NEAR DONG HA TOWN. IN DONG HA FOUR BATTALIONS OF 1200 PERSONNEL, ABOUT 85 PERCENT OF WHOM ARE FEMALE, ARE REBUILDING HOUSES. THERE IS A 300-BED FIELD HOSPITAL JUST NORTHEAST OF THE TOWN (YD 241614) AND A

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DISPENSARY WITH SEVEN MEDICAL OFFICERS IN TRAINING OPERATION ON THE EAST BANK OF THE THACH HAN RIVER IN TRIEU PHONG (YD 272635).  
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